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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB. SCALI'S STATEMENT EXPLAINING

US VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY
DEBATE
OF PALESTINE QUESTION:

IT SHOULD BE
CLEAR FROM MANY STATEMENTS BY MY
GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST MONTHS AND YEARS THAT OUR VOTE
TODAY IN NO WAY REFLECTS A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OR
SYMPATHY FOR THE VERY REAL CONCERNS AND YEARNING FOR
JUSTICE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. RATHER
IT REFLECTS
OUR CONSISTENT CONVICTION THAT THE JUSTICE THEY SEEK
WILL COME ONLY A PART OF A PEACE THAT IS JUST FOR ALL
THE PARTIES. THIS JUST PEACE MUST BE NEGOTIATED WITH
UTMOST CARE, AND MUST LEAD TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF
THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, AT THE HEART OF WHICH WE ALL
RECOGNIZE LIES THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. OUR VOTE ALSO
REFLECTS A DEEP
CONCERN THAT THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US

COULD BE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS PREJUDGING THAT NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND MAKE A DURABLE SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. IN THAT SENSE, THE RESOLUTION COULD HAVE THE ULTIMATE EFFECT OF WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF A PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENT.

THE WORLD KNOWS HOW TIRELESSLY WE HAVE SOUGHT TO MOVE THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE SCOURGE OF WAR TO THE PATH OF PEACE. FOR US TO HAVE VOTED OTHER THAN WE DID WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH AND HARMFUL TO OUR EFFORTS TO HELP PROMOTE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF ALL THE STATES AND PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THE RESOLUTION'S DEPARTURE FROM THE LONG-STANDING PRECEDENT THAT ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS

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SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY DELIBERATIONS. HAVE WE CREATED A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH MAY RETURN TO HAUNT THIS ORGANIZATION, PERHAPS CRIPPLE ITS EFFECTIVENESS?

MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ONLY BASIS FOR A JUST NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS AND MUST REMAIN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THE

RESOLUTION PASSED TODAY CANNOT ALTER THE BASIS,
AND OUR EFFORTS WILL GO FORWARD IN THAT ESTABLISHED
AND WIDELY ACCEPTED FRAMEWORK.
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